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Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" May I know, Sir, in what respect such a large sum of money was spent for the drafting of the Bill ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" For the staff of the Law Drafting Under Secretary and special establishment that was provided for the drafting of the Bill."

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" Is it proposed to continue the special staff, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No, Sir."

Bifurcation of the Tindivanam and Tirukkoyilur Taluk Boards.

* 720 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have, in deference to the views of a large number of local bodies, abandoned the idea of abolishing taluk boards ;

(b) if the answer be in the affirmative, whether the Government will consider the advisability of bifurcating the Tindivanam and Tirukkoyilur Taluk Boards in South Arcot district ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that last year the Tirukkoyilur Taluk Board passed a unanimous resolution in favour of bifurcating that board and whether the same was also approved by the South Arcot District Board ; and

(d) whether the Government intend to give effect to that resolution ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not yet come to a decision on the question of the abolition of taluk boards.

(c) Resolutions of the taluk board and district board on the subject were communicated to Government in February 1927.

(d) There is no such intention at present.

Municipal Councils

Election to the third ward of the Peddapur municipality.

* 721 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the term of membership of M.R.Ry. Muppana China Veeraraju Garu, Municipal Chairman, Peddapur, expires at the end of October this year ;

(b) whether he stood for election for the third ward this year ;

(c) whether the vice-chairman in virtue of his powers under the Act and under the election rules arranged for the said election to be held on 10th October 1928, appointed the polling officer and made all the arrangements for the election ;

(d) whether in the morning of the day of election, the chairman appointed another councillor as delegate to conduct the elections ;

(e) whether the vice-chairman subsequently turned up and seeing that the polling officer was absent for unavoidable reasons notified that the election was postponed ;

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(*f*) whether the chairman-delegate proceeded with the election;
(*g*) whether the time for election was notified as 7 a.m. and whether the election actually began at 7-30 a.m.; and
(*h*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of cancelling the election and directing a re-election for the said ward?

A.—(*a*) The term of office of the chairman apparently expired at noon on 1st November 1928.
(*b*) *to* (*g*) According to the information received by Government the facts appear to be correctly stated in these clauses.
(*h*) The Government have ordered a fresh poll for the third ward.

Inclusion of the Central Jail and Police Recruit School, Coimbatore, within municipal limits.

*722 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a resolution dated the 5th June 1928 from the Municipal Council, Coimbatore, requesting that the decision communicated in G.O. No. 2133 L., dated 14th May 1928, be reconsidered;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the desirability of including within municipal limits the Central Jail and Police Recruit School which are surrounded by municipal lands on all sides has been pressed by the municipality and the public of Coimbatore several times; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any intention of reconsidering the matter and, if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) The Government see no reason to reconsider the matter.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"With regard to answer (*a*), may I know whether the Government have not received any resolution, whatever the date may be, from the Coimbatore Municipality on this matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The answer is given in clause (*a*)."

Division of Bezwada municipality into 21 wards.

*723-A *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF MIRZAPURAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, on the application of some of the citizens and councillors, the Government was pleased to pass a Government Order in 1924 that the Bezwada municipality may be divided into 21 wards and whether the Council also passed a resolution promising to give effect to it immediately; if so, why it has not been still given effect to and what action the Government have taken or proposed to take to enforce their order;
(*b*) whether it is a fact that in the voters' lists of various wards there are not more than 50 or 60 voters;
(*c*) whether it is a fact that six councillors will have to be elected in September 1928 with voters' lists of only 50 or 60 voters;